

ORGANIZING THE CHURCH CHOIR

When a new church springs up, one of the first considerations facing the congregation is the formation of a choir. It is not usually difficult to muster together a number of singers, providing a good choir is obtained, but in order to place the choir on a stable basis from the outset, some form of organization is desirable.

Article I.—The name of the organization shall be...
Article II.—The election of officers shall take place annually, at the first regular meeting...
Article III.—The annual dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per member, paid in advance.

Article IV.—There shall be a committee of two appointed by the chairman each month to act as a social committee, whose duty it shall be to furnish some form of entertainment at each monthly meeting...
Article V.—The regular rehearsals shall be held on Friday evening of each week, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock, unless otherwise provisionally announced.

My Little Town.
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CHAPTER XII.
Mhor, having lately acquired the art of writing, was fond of exercising his still very shaky pen where and when he could.
One morning, by reason of neglecting his teeth, and a few other toilet details, he was able to be downstairs ten minutes before breakfast, and spent the time in the kitchen, plugging Mrs. M'Cosh's hat and writing an inscription in her Bible.
"What wud ye write?" she asked suspiciously.
"I would write," said Mhor—"I would write, 'From Gervase Taunton to Mrs. M'Cosh.'"
"That wud be a lee," said Mrs. M'Cosh, "for I got it frae ma sister Annie, her that's in Australia. Here see, there's a post card for ye. It's a rare nice pin—Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. There's Annacker's shop as plain's plain."
Mhor looked discontentedly at the offering.
"I wish," he said slowly—"I wish I had a post card of a hippopotamus being sick."
"Ugh, you want unnatural post cards. Think on something wiselike, like a guid laddie."
Mhor considered. "If you give me a sheet of paper and an envelope I might write to the Lion at the Zoo."
For the sake of peace Mrs. M'Cosh produced the materials, and Mhor sat down at the table, his elbows spread out, his tongue protruding. He had only managed "Dear Lion," when Jean called him to get up stairs and wash his teeth and get a clean handkerchief.
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"What a silly morning for November," growled Jack. "What's the sun going on shining like that for? You'd think it thought it was summer."
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"What a couple of ungrateful creatures you are," Jean said; "I'm ashamed of you. And as it happens you are going to have a great treat because of the good day. I didn't tell you because I thought it would be likely pour. Cousin Lewis said if it was a good day he would send for us to take us to 'Averlaw' and lunch. It's really because of Pamela; she has never been there. So you must ask to get away at twelve, Jock, and I'll go up with Pamela and collect Mhor."
Mhor at once left the table and, without making any remark, stood on his head on the hearthrug. Thus did his joy find vent. Jock on the other hand, seemed more solemnized than grief.
"That's the first time I've ever had a prayer answered," he announced. "I couldn't do my Greek last night, and I prayed that I wouldn't be at the class—and I won't be. Gosh, Maggie!"
"Oh, Jock," his sister protested, "that's not what prayers are for."
"Mebbe not, but I've managed it this time," and unrepentant, Jock started on another slice of bread and butter.
Jean told Pamela of Jock's prayer as they went together to fetch Mhor from school.
"But Mhor is a much greater responsibility than Jock. Consider where you are with Jock; underneath is a bedrock of pure goodness. You see, we start with the enormous advantage of having had forebears of the very dearest—not great, not noble, but men who feared God and honored the King—men who lived justly and loved mercy. It would be most uncalculated for us to start out on bypaths with such a straight record behind us. But Mhor, bless him, is different. I haven't a notion what went to the making of him. I seem to see behind him a long line of men and women who danced and laughed and gambled and feasted, light-hearted, charming people. I sometimes think I hear their laugh as I teach Mhor 'What is the chief end of man... I couldn't love Mhor more if he really were my little brother, but I know that my hold over him is of a paltry nature. I'm only now that I have him. I must make the most of the present—the little boy days—before life takes him away from me."
"You will have his heart always," Pamela comforted her. "He won't forget. He has been rooted and grounded in love."
Jean winked away the tears that had forced their way into her eyes, and laughed.
"I'm bringing him up a Presbyterian. I did try him with the Creed. He listened politely, and said carelessly, 'It all seems rather sad—Pilate is a nice name, but not Pontius—Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever.' Indeed, he might be Scots in his passion for theology. The other night he went to bed very displeased with me, and said, 'You needn't read me any more of that nasty Bible,' but when I went up to say good-night he greeted me with, 'How can I keep the commandments when I can't even remember what they are?'... This is Mhor's school, or rather Miss Main's school."
They went up the steps of a pretty, creeper-covered house.
"It once belonged to an artist," Jean explained. "There is a great big light studio at the back which make an ideal schoolroom. It's an ideal school altogether. Miss Main and her young stepister are born teachers, full of humor and understanding, as well as being brilliantly clever—or, rather, really for this job; but if they don't mind we needn't complain. They get the children on most surprisingly, and teach them all sorts of things outside their lessons. Mhor is always astonishing me with his information about things going on in the world... Yes, do come in. They won't mind. You would like to see the children."
"I would indeed. But won't Miss Main object to us interrupting?"
Miss Main at once reassured her on Mhor considered. "If you give me a sheet of paper and an envelope I might write to the Lion at the Zoo."
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Woman's Sphere

JUS TA FEW CLOTHES SAVERS. Have you ever thought of wrapping paper as a clothes saver? I know a woman who uses it for that purpose, and the idea seems sensible to me. If she happens to have a large piece of wrapping paper she makes an over-the-head apron. Smaller pieces she uses for waistline aprons. She says that they come in handy when she is working around the sink. Every few weeks she spends an odd half-hour making them. I have watched her. She has a straight slip-on apron pattern seventy-two inches long and twenty-four inches wide, with an oval hole for the head twenty inches from one end. This pattern she places on the larger pieces and cuts several at one time. These aprons are full length in the front and waistline length in the back. When she has several cut she stitches ordinary tape across the back edges, leaving ends long enough to come around and tie in the front. The waistline aprons are just straight pieces. These she folds lengthwise, and scoops the waistline edges a little to make them fit properly. Starting one-fourth inch from the top on the folded edge, she cuts a gradual curve to the upper back edge. Tape and ends finish the waistlines of these aprons too. She can run one of them through the sewing machine in less than a minute. With ordinary wear a paper apron lasts over a week. You can figure the laundry saving. Rubberized aprons are a great clothes saver too. Now that they are made in gingham and flower prints they look like any other apron. If you want to make your waterproof apron, you will find table oilcloth a fairly durable substitute for the rubberized goods. Any plain apron pattern will do for this purpose. Cut the apron as described for the paper slip-on in the description preceding this one, or use any plain apron pattern. The most satisfactory finish for the edges is binding. You can buy bias lawn binding cut and folded double already put on. Tapes on the hem of a house dress serve both as a clothes and time saver. You know pins have a way of not being where you can put your hand on them when you want to fasten up your skirt for a kneeling-down job such as scrubbing. This tape trick also was handed to me by a woman who makes her own dresses and does her own work. She cuts pieces of tape three inches long and news snaps to the ends so that each tape can be snapped together to form a loop. By tacking the centre of these tapes to the top of the hem on the wrong side of the skirt, she has a sure and convenient means of fastening the bottom of the skirt to the front is plenty to hold the skirt up. At almost any notion counter you can buy the tape with the snaps already ready on it. These little tape loops come on cards, and are intended to hold the shoulder straps of the underware. You will find them convenient for that purpose too. It only takes a few minutes to tack them to the shoulder seam of a dress. A detachable pocket is a handy housekeeping accessory. If you have

IMPROVING FUDGE. Imparting to fudge, either chocolate fudge or vanilla, that rich caramel flavor which is so desirable is just a little trick of preparing the butter. Put into the saucepan the quantity of butter to be used and let it melt over a rather slow fire. Then, watching carefully lest it burn, allow the butter to become a beautiful brown—not too dark, of course, but of about the color of the vanilla caramels sold in candy shops. Then proceed as usual with your favorite recipe. You will be delighted with the fine flavor that will be added to your fudge.
RUBBER FLOOR MATS. Most of us are familiar with several various uses for discarded inner tubes. Few know, however, that these discarded relics can be made into floor mats, requiring but a short time and little labor. The old tubes are first cut into strips. The strips are then woven or interlaced with each other, basket fashion. The end strips are made double width and turned over. These strips should be cemented in place. A row of brass rivets, placed around the edges, improves the appearance greatly, in addition to making the mat stronger.

TOY-FIXING DAY. The busy little mother of two small boys finds it necessary and wise to bring as much system as possible into everything pertaining to their daily life and upbringing. She has, therefore, set a day each week when she regularly mends their broken toys. This habit, she believes, impresses upon the plastic little minds a degree of responsibility and regard for the cherished possessions. "Never slip up on the fixing day," she writes. "Keep the damaged toys in a box for that purpose. Carefully show the child how his playthings are repaired and let him help whenever possible. Unless you have tried this, you have no idea how educational it is and how much interest the child takes in the operations. This method not only saves time, but it teaches the child, by having to wait for them, to be more careful of his toys. The fact that he is deprived of them for several days makes his playthings seem like new."
THAT ELECTRIC-IRON CORD. When ironing have you not been bothered with the electric cord getting in your way? A spiral wire spring such as is used in holding screen doors shut does away with this nuisance. A hook is put in the ceiling above the ironing board, a little to the right of the person ironing. One end of the spring is caught into it; the other end is hooked to the cord. This keeps the cord off the board and out of the ironer's way, as it does not need to be shoved aside and it adjusts itself as the iron is moved.

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